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## Christian Aid Week

Your faith. Make it count. 7 days to make a difference – what will you do?

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sharing God's love by reaching out to others.**

**"1930-2026 - 96 Years of Spiritual Service"**

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**THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**  
**“Suffer the Little Children to Come Unto Me”**

15 Feb Rory Alan Adamson  
Rosie Elizabeth Orr

15 Mar Caden John Fyfe  
Finn Joseph Adams

29 Mar Andrew Agnew

**AT REST**  
**“I am the Resurrection and the Life”**

Jan William Mathieson  
12 Feb Doris Hume

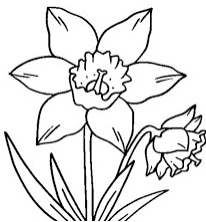
***Prayer Focus***

Dear Lord, As we come to the end of Lent, let us reflect on the spiritual meaning of this time. God, give us strength to continue our faith journey as we pray that our church will thrive. Let us support our minister in the challenges ahead. As we reach out to the community, may we invite them to add a name to the prayer list. We can use this as an opportunity to talk about the love of God. We pray for our world to be protected and that the war in the middle east will end. We need to look at what our land needs. The month of May sees an election; help us to use our vote wisely.

We pray for the General Assembly as its decisions affect all of us.

Hear our prayer, *Amen.*

*gaerataylor@btinternet.com*



**FLOWER FUND**

Thanks are due to all who contribute to the  
flower fund, beautifying our worship week by  
week.

## Message 'fae' the Manse

Hello friends

Christ is risen; He is risen indeed! A very Happy Easter to you, as you may well be reading this on Easter Sunday.

I cannot believe that Lent has come and gone and we are now in the season of Easter, and for me, with it, comes a profound sense of hope, joy, and renewal. As we continue to follow Jesus' call to follow him and be his disciples and as we gather together to worship, we are reminded of the great love that was demonstrated through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. This central event of our faith offers a message of new beginnings, forgiveness, and the assurance that light always overcomes darkness.

Throughout Lent, we were encouraged to examine and develop our relationship with God and with one another, and many of us may have given something up for the duration of Lent. Whilst a side benefit of this may have helped reduce our waistlines and improve our health a little, it was really so that we could make more time for reflection, prayer, and personal devotions with God.

These practices help us prepare our hearts for the celebration of Easter when we rejoice in the promise of everlasting life. The empty tomb is not just a symbol of victory over death, but also an invitation for each of us to embrace transformation in our own lives.

Every week at King's Park we come together as a family, sharing in worship, music, and fellowship, and whether you join us in person or in spirit, I pray that you would feel the peace and joy that this season of renewal, transformation and life brings.

And I also hope that as we move through the year, we can continue to reach out to those in need, offering support and love, just as Christ showed us. And if you aren't sure how you can do that, then ask God for wisdom and guidance in how you can, and he will show you.

So, as the evenings get lighter and our gardens and parks continue to explode with colourful spring blossoms all around us - always a reminder of new life, I pray that the message of Easter would continue to inspire us to live with renewed purpose, kindness, and gratitude towards one another.

Your friend in Christ, Stuart

**CONGREGATIONAL FINANCE***"We Give Thee But Thine Own"***FINANCE REPORT - 2026**

	<u>JAN</u>	<u>FEB</u>
<b><u>INCOME</u></b>	<b>£</b>	
Offerings & Donations	11,046	7,114
Gift Aid Income	4,979	1,126
Hall Hire Income	1,013	820
Rental income	611	611
Fundraising	550	1,000
Magazine subscriptions	-	469
Charitable collections	1,165	671
Other regular Monthly Income	333	53
<b>Total Month's Income</b>	<b>19,697</b>	<b>11,864</b>
	<b>=====</b>	<b>=====</b>
<b><u>EXPENDITURE</u></b>		
Regular Running Costs	15,157	13,798
Charitable Donations	1,048	575
Property maintenance & repairs	447	133
<b>Total Month's Payments</b>	<b>16,652</b>	<b>14,506</b>
	<b>=====</b>	<b>=====</b>
<b>Monthly Receipts vs Payments Surplus</b>	<b>3,045</b>	<b>-2,642</b>

**CHURCH BANK DETAILS FOR REGULAR FREEWILL OFFERINGS OR ONE-OFF DONATIONS :****KINGS PARK CHURCH - SORT CODE: 82-63-31 A/C NO: 50335056****ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The 2026 Annual General Meeting of King's Park Church of Scotland, Glasgow, will take place after the morning service on **Sunday 12th April 2026**, when the annual report and accounts for the year 2025 will be presented to the congregation. If you are not a trustee and wish to see the 2025 Annual Accounts in preparation for the meeting, please email me at [sessionclerk@kingsparkchurch.co.uk](mailto:sessionclerk@kingsparkchurch.co.uk) or speak to me on a Sunday morning and we will arrange to send you a copy prior to the meeting.

We look forward to seeing you there,  
*Lynda, Session Clerk*

**Thank you...**

Many thanks for arranging the delivery of the beautiful church flowers on the occasion of my 80th birthday, I really appreciated receiving them.

*Aileen Blair*



Thank you to Eunice for her kind visit and for delivering the church flowers to us, they were very much appreciated.

*Jane & Hugh Mackinnon*

To my church family, thank you all so much for the gift of church flowers, they were so much appreciated. God bless you all,

*Flo*

Thank you Alan and all my church friends for the beautiful flowers I received on my sad and sudden family bereavement. With every blessing to you all.

*Lena McDougall*

Thank you to all who came along and supported the recent Afternoon Tea. It was a really lovely afternoon, with the large hall packed full. Thanks to all who gave up their time to set everything up and to those who served and cleared up. But special thanks to everyone who came along, raising over £1,000.

*Margaret Mills, Social & Fundraising Committee*

**Monthly Evening Service**

After an absence of some time, we are excited to tell you that the evening worship service is returning to King's Park Church. From April onwards, the service will take place on the final Sunday of every month and will begin at 6.30pm. Through it, we are looking to explore a variety of worship styles and experiences and every month will have a different feel and format to it.

The dates that the service will be on for the next few months are as follows: 26th April, 31st May and 28th June. We look forward to seeing you there.



**CHRISTIAN AID WEEK, this year  
is 10 – 16 May.**

If you're lucky enough to be someone who follows "social media", look out for posts on the church's Facebook page reminding us about Christian Aid and how to offer financial support during its most important annual fundraising event, by donating online, directly to Christian Aid.

If your church magazine is hand delivered or posted to you, you'll get a Christian Aid envelope delivered with it to enable you to donate when the time comes. Just return it to the church at your convenience. We will also have some church collection envelopes available to those attending worship in the church on Sunday 10 May, the Christian Aid Week launch.

If you're not "on-line" and can't get to that service, for whatever reason, or are unable to return your collection envelope, you can also donate to Christian Aid by sending a cheque, made payable to "Christian Aid", at the church address (on the front page of this magazine) and mark it 'CAW'. In addition, if you are a UK taxpayer, please confirm this on the back of the cheque with a note of your name and address - this will allow Christian Aid to reclaim tax from the Government, thereby increasing your donation by 25%.

There are plans for various other associated events – coffee mornings, **a soup & sandwich lunch on Sunday 10th May after morning worship**, CA quiz etc – keep an eye on the church intimations, Facebook etc for further details

This Christian Aid Week, with your help, we can work towards a world where families can escape the trap of poverty and fulfil their ambitions.

**This Christian Aid Week, each of us has seven days to make a difference. What will you do?**

**Ian MacLeod**  
**30.09.58 - 06.02.26**

Ian MacLeod was born on the 30th of September 1958 to parents Alec and Grace and was one of four children. Ian was very close to all his siblings, especially Fiona, her being the youngest, getting up to all sorts of mischief with her. Ian was raised in King's Park in Aikenhead Road and was baptised at King's Park Church.

He met future wife Doreen at a book launch, as they worked across the road from one another and every day he would go into her shop to get his paper. Ian was a shy person. However, he eventually plucked up the courage to ask her out in 1978, and the couple were married in 1980, here at King's Park Church.

The couple set up home in Ashcroft Drive, where they lived for over forty years and for the entirety of their married life together. Ian and Doreen were blessed with the births of their three children Ian, Kathleen and Christine and they were delighted when they became grandparents to Charlotte, and they were also very close to their Godson, Matthew.

Ian was a loving and devoted husband and father, doing anything for his family. His kindness and support were extended to all those around him. In everything that he did, however, Ian never sought the limelight, being at his happiest just getting on with things in the background. Ian had a great sense of humour and loved to make people laugh. One New Year's day, when the family were all together at Fiona's, Ian burst in to exclaim to Fiona that she better go to the bathroom straight away as the toilet had a leak. Everyone rushed through to the bathroom to see that the toilet did indeed have a 'leak', but of the vegetable variety which Ian had placed there!

Throughout his life Ian had a number of interests and passions, with books being his main one. He was always recommending books to people and had a voracious appetite for reading himself, with his favourite genres being crime dramas and history. He was also a big fan of the Broons and Oor Wullie annuals, receiving them every year without fail.

Another of Ian's passions was trains, both of the model and the steam variety, and he enjoyed visiting and travelling on the steam trains at both Bo'ness and Aviemore, as well as the Jacobite train at Mallaig with son Ian. The family enjoyed going on many holidays together to Lossiemouth and St Cyrus with their caravan. And, although going to Jersey a couple of times, they loved Scotland and spent many happy years exploring all round the north of the country.

Church played an important part in Ian's life. He was ordained as an elder at King's Park Church in May 1985, and was heavily involved with the Boys' Brigade at the church, where he helped at the Pathfinders and then was Junior Section officer in charge for a number of years,. Ian also enjoyed helping with the annual toy stall at the Christmas Fayre.

Sadly, Ian's health began to deteriorate around fifteen years ago, however, due to his strong faith, inner strength and support of his loving family, he managed to live life to the full.

The family would like to thank the staff at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital for all the care and treatment that Ian received through the years and for the support that they got as a family. They would also like to thank the staff at the day centre that Ian attended in Castlemilk where he made numerous friends.

Whilst Ian may no longer be here with us physically, our own memories of him will live on in our hearts and minds and in the hearts and minds of everyone else who was fortunate enough to know him.

*May the Lord bless him, May the Lord keep him, May the Lord make His face to shine upon him.*

*Amen*

### **RETIREMENT OF OUR PASTORAL ASSISTANT**

By the time you are reading this magazine, our lovely Raymond will have retired from the role of Pastoral Assistant here at King's Park Church. We are so incredibly sad to see him leave this post, however we are thrilled that he will now get some well earned rest and valuable time to spend with his family. To mark his retirement you are invited to a short presentation with tea and coffee (and there may even be a little piece of cake!) on Sunday 19th April after morning worship. If you would like to donate to a gift for Raymond can you please donate via bank transfer to bank account KINGS PARK CHURCH - SORT CODE: 82-63-31 A/C NO: 50335056 or place your donation in an envelope marked for Raymond's retirement and place it in the offering bag by Sunday 12th April. There is a retirement card at the front door of the church for you to sign. Many thanks in advance and we look forward to celebrating this occasion with Raymond and his family on the 19th.

*Lynda*

### **CURRENT PASTORAL CARE**

If you or someone you know is in need of pastoral care, can you please continue to use the pastoral care telephone number - 07949 797323 (note, this is NOT Raymond's personal telephone number!) When you contact this number, your call will be directed to the relevant person. Please continue to pray for the Kirk Session as discussions about the pastoral care needs of King's Park continue.

*Lynda*

### **SAIDIANA WOMEN**

We continue to hear about the Saidiana Women's Project (Kenya) from Mary Smith, highlights including success in sewing and hair dressing, safe homes, HIV/Aids, relief supplies and water harvesting as well as engagement in micro-empowerment, boosting small scale business enterprises. Despite all the difficulties they face, they continue to make good progress and give thanks to all who support them. You can donate directly to Saidiana Women HBOS, Sort Code 11-47-05, a/c no 00005903.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### APRIL

Sun 5th	8am	Easter Service in the park, followed by breakfast rolls at the church
	11am	Easter Morning worship, including Sacrament of Communion
Sun 12th	11am	Morning worship, followed by the AGM
Wed 15th	7pm	Kirk Session
Sun 19th	11am	Morning worship, followed by Raymond's retirement presentation with tea and coffee
	6.30pm	Jonathan's Songs of Praise Evening
Sun 26th	11am	Morning worship, followed by the Elders' Conference
	6.30pm	Evening Service

### MAY

Sun 3rd	11am	Morning worship
Sun 10th	11am	Morning worship with Christian Aid soup and sandwich lunch after the service
Sun 17th	11am	Morning worship
Wed 20th	11am	Kirk Session
Sun 24th	11am	Morning worship
Sun 31st	11am	Morning worship

### **Monthly Men's Breakfast**

I am looking to start a monthly men's breakfast that would take place on the first Saturday morning of each month, probably between 9am and 11am.

The format would be to prepare and share breakfast together and then spend some time discussing and reflecting on a passage from the bible. Anyone interested in coming along to this - please get in contact with me by email or add your details to the sign-up sheet in the vestry. *Stuart*

## **Kirk Session News**

Friends

It's been busy here at Session Clerk HQ! I often wonder when it will settle down, but I think half the fun is realising we just shift from one busy month to the next.

As I write this, I have just completed the annual Inspection of Records visit where all of our paperwork is fully examined by the Presbytery. This includes Kirk Session minutes, manse and church insurance certificates, safeguarding certificates, fire risk assessment paperwork, communion roll, baptismal roll, annual report and accounts and everything in between - the list is endless. All sorts of things that I had never given a second thought to before, but all important and all in order, you will be glad to know! This of course did not come without a huge team effort and I'm incredibly grateful to all who supported me in the preparation of the paperwork and the visit itself.

Our annual accounts were attested at a recent session meeting which means we are now in good shape to conduct our Annual General Meeting after morning worship on Sunday 12th April. As we continue to address the increasing deficit of our church and all that that brings, it is so important that you attend, to fully understand what we, as a congregation who love our church, can do to support it.

The Session recently welcomed Reverend Fiona Crawford, who presented an item called 'Stepping Stones to Faith' - a mission and outreach approach following on from our recent Local Church Review. We considered all that we have on our doorstep to engage with our local community, creating opportunities to build relationships and explore faith. We will focus entirely on this at a dedicated Elders' Conference in April - watch this space! As Raymond retires, we are now moving to prayerfully consider the future of pastoral care. Despite losing our Pastoral Assistant and all that he brought to us, it is a new and exciting opportunity to explore pastoral care here at King's Park with fresh eyes. Again, I will keep you up to date with those conversations.

You may remember one of our Local Church Review actions was to develop and widen the inter-generational worship experience, and to that end we are introducing monthly evening services from April onwards. This is an exciting venture, so please do come along and find out what's happening. We are keeping the sale of our former church officers' flat on the agenda and will keep you up to date as that

moves forward. The 'business' of the session continues on with our monthly reports from our various committees, all diligently working in the background. Our halls committee are seeking more volunteers, who would be able to commit to perhaps one or two hours when needed, to look after our 'out of hours' hall lets. This is a lovely job when you get to represent our church, welcome our visitors and perhaps just take some time out to sit down! If you are interested in this, please do come and speak to me. If you are looking to do something a little more energetic, our property committee are also looking for volunteers to do all sorts of jobs around the church, from gardening, painting, or something less onerous - there's a big list! If we want to continue to keep our church and halls alive, all of this is so vital to the operation, so please do reach out to me if you think you can help in any way.

The session were reminded that the Presbytery Mission Action Plan has King's Park Church currently in a deferred union with Croftfoot Parish. This means that for however long Croftfoot's minister remains in post, Stuart will remain as minister here at King's Park. When Croftfoot becomes vacant, Stuart has indicated that his intention would be to stay on as the minister of a united congregation, if both congregations agree. It is likely, that, in the future, when the churches unite, one building would be used for worship and perhaps the other for community use. That's the future, and to that end, we are reminded of the importance of making the best use of our building now, to ensure it continues to be a real asset to the congregation and the community.

Over the last few months of activity, I have been reminded that the church building holds far more than four walls and a roof; it gathers the shared stories of its people. Within it, we experience the full rhythm of life - the highs of celebration and thanksgiving, and the lows of grief, uncertainty, and change. It is where love is given freely, where joy is lifted in song, and where tears are shed without judgment. Each moment binding us more closely together. As we look to the future, whatever that may hold, as a Kirk Session and a congregation, we must commit ourselves to one another and to our building, a building that's held together by strong faith, compassion, and a deep sense of belonging.

Ever yours,  
*Lynda, Session Clerk*

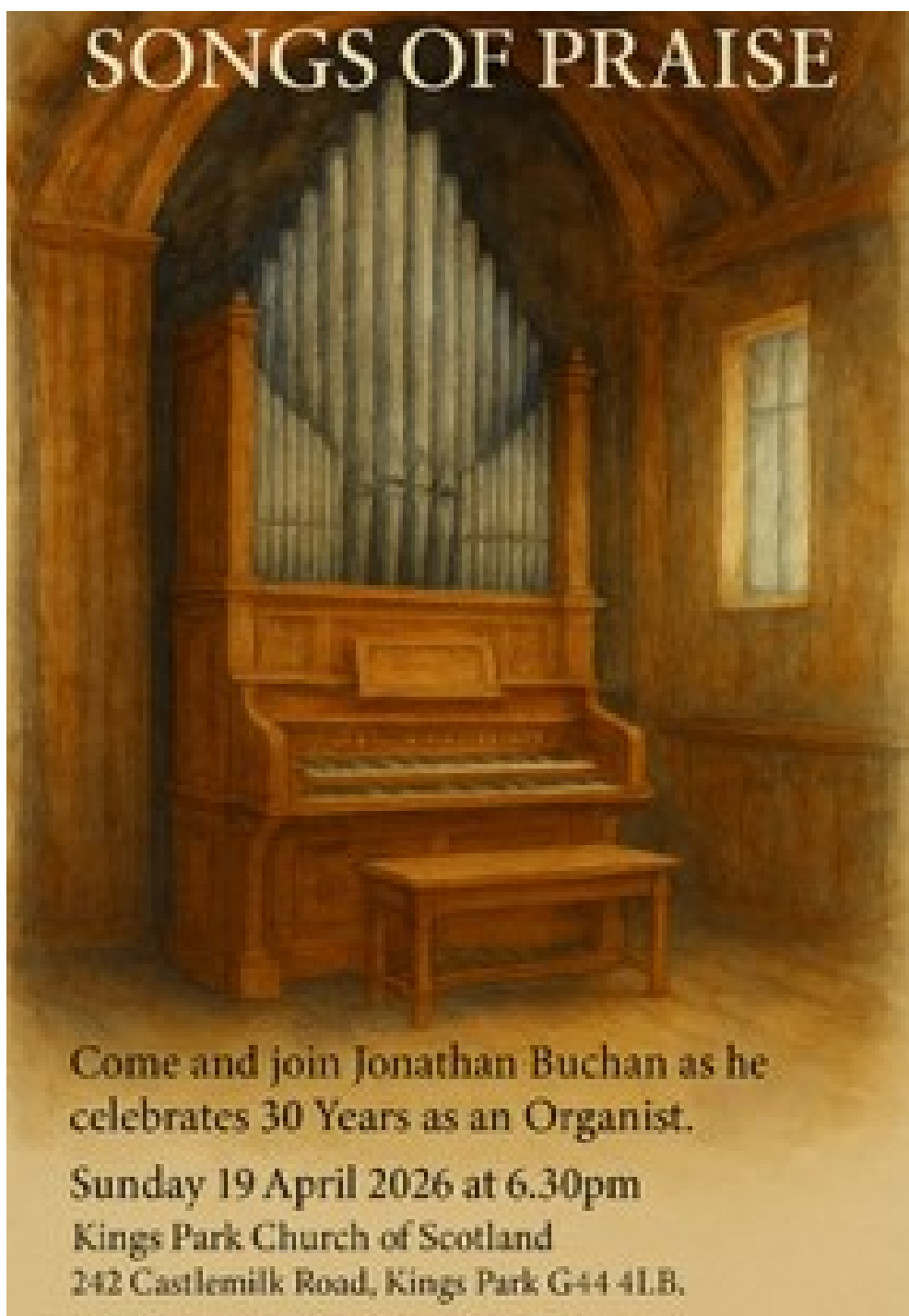
**CHRISTMAS BAZAAR QUIZ**

Thanks again to everyone who contributed to the Christmas Bazaar, the winner of the quiz was Ian Tomney, answers are below. Well done Ian!

*Jonathan & Norah Buchan*

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2	NEACCHFLEEC	11	Eccelfechan
3	HGAICOR	7	Garioch
4	ZCUNEAL	7	Culzean
5	YSSAWBMYE	6,3	Wemyss Bay
6	MYARHTUCCUTEH	13	Auchermuchty
7	EEFIRHUC	8	Freuchie
8	EABURHSUGGCHENDEREL	13, 6	Auchenshuggle Bridge
9	SHABULICHALL	12	Ballachuilish
10	CHALTAURETH	11	Chatherault
11	DOTYCHIFN	9	Findocht
12	TTTWA	5	T watt
13	TURKIKHBIGR	11	Kircudbright
14	VANRESTATH	10	Strathaven
15	MIRFHELOECK	11	Frockelheim
16	GAYOWALLA	8	Galloway
17	HERANSRUTT	10	Anstruther
18	BROWINDNEK	10	Broken wind
19	LEBKON	6	Bonkle
20	RUGSLADIM	9	Gladsmuir

# SONGS OF PRAISE



Come and join Jonathan Buchan as he celebrates 30 Years as an Organist.

Sunday 19 April 2026 at 6.30pm

Kings Park Church of Scotland

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On the morning of Sunday 8th February, as we celebrated the birthday of King's Park Church, it was my absolute pleasure and honour to place a plaque at Cathie Shearer's Memorial window. The frame contained her MBE medal, which she received in July 1998, for her services to the Community in King's Park. After Cathie died, we became the guardians of that special medal, so it was only right that it finally made its way to a resting place under her window.

We took time to remember Cathie, for all that she meant to King's Park and the people in our community, and I personally took time to remember the very real and big influence she had on me, growing up here in King's Park. She instilled a great sense of kindness, hope, patience and love, Cathie we remember you with great joy and a sense of deep gratitude.  
*Lynda*

